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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for the kind and generous messages that you have sent in over the past week and for interacting with our social media posts. In my professional life I have never felt so strong about us being 'all in this together' before. Putteridge High staff are working hard to ensure there is good communication between home and school, as well as setting meaningful work each day to keep students learning, keep their brain occupied and staying in touch with the planned curriculum. I would like to say a public thank you to the whole staff team, support and teaching staff for their continued hard work behind the scenes.

Our message to you and your children regarding working at home is not to let school work add to the anxiety. We would like your children to do what they can, but not get anxious if all of the work is not complete. It is very important that you take time for yourselves as a family - ensure children have regular breaks throughout the learning and attempt some physical activity. Working at home will take time to get used to. Short breaks between sessions, a variety of different subjects completed each morning and a clear timetable for everyday will help. A strong routine is the key, one that is shared and rarely deviated from unless of course a break from school work is needed.

If there are any concerns regarding work, of a Safeguarding nature or just a general question then please do not hesitate to email the normal admin address. Staff are working around the clock to get back to parents as quickly as possible. For those of you that are key workers, please do feel free to make use of the school provision we are offering. Children of key workers are working supervised by Trust staff in a central Trust school and this is something that we plan to continue to support for the duration of this period. Again, just email and we will get back in touch with the details.

For those of you with children in Year 11, we still await details of how the grades will be constructed, a separate letter will come out to you when we know more. A few subject staff will be in touch regarding coursework completion, but for most the work for this year is complete and staff expect to have enough information to respond to construct a professional grade. However, we are acutely aware that it will not be long before the majority of our students will go on to the next stage of their education and to that end we are setting bridging work to ensure the gap is not too wide when they start. Work will be set in the normal way through ShowMyHomework and I would thoroughly recommend this work is completed.

Increasingly the magnitude of the knock on effects of this situation is becoming apparent. Primarily my thoughts are with families who have suffered with regards to health. Increasingly I am hearing of others who have lost work and even jobs, again I am thinking of you and hope by continuing to provide strong school connections and working with you as part of the Putteridge community that this provides some solace in such difficult times.

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Look after yourselves and each other.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Graham." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'D'.

Mr David Graham
Headteacher